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BY ROBERT BARR.

II. The Diamonds of the Princess.

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"What about the diamonds?" the princess?" asked Miss Baxter, [illegible] curiosity aroused by the remark of the editor.

"That is a rather long story," replied Mr. Hardwick, "and before I begin it I would like to ask you one or two questions. Can you manipulate a typewriter?"

"That depends on what make it is. The ordinary typewriter I understand very thoroughly."

"Good! Have you any knowledge of shorthand?"

"A workable knowledge. I can write about 100 words a minute."

"Admirable, admirable! Your coming to this office was an inspiration. You are just the person I have been looking for."

"You didn't seem to think so yesterday, Mr. Hardwick," said the girl, with a sly glance at him.

"Well, many things have happened since yesterday. We are now dealing with today and with Princess von Steinheimer."

"She is a German princess, of course?"

"A German princess, but an American woman. She was a Miss Briggs of Chicago, a daughter of Briggs, the railway millionaire, worth somewhere between twenty and twenty-five millions—dollars, of course. A year or two ago she married Prince Konrad von Steinheimer. You may remember having read about it in the papers?"

"Oh, yes, the usual international match—the girl after the title, he after the money."

"I suppose so; but, be that as it may, she was the only daughter of old Briggs and had spent a good deal of her time in Europe, and during her stay in Europe she had accumulated a vast stock of diamonds, some of them very notable stones. I don't know what the whole collection is worth; some say $1,000,000, while others say double that amount. However that may be, Miss Briggs became the Princess von Steinheimer and brought to Austria with her $1,000,000 in gold and diamonds, which her father gave her as her dowry; but, of course, being an only child, she will come in for the rest of the money when the old man dies."

"Is he likely to die soon? I don't suppose the prince gave himself away for a mere million?"

"Oh, you forget the diamonds! As to the likelihood of old Briggs' death, it didn't strike me as imminent when I had a conversation with him yesterday."

"Yesterday? Is he here in London, then?"

"Yes; he has come over to disentangle the mystery about the diamonds."

"And what is the mystery? You take a dreadful long time to tell a story, Mr. Hardwick."

"The story is important, and it must be told in detail; otherwise you may go on a long journey for nothing. Are you taking down what I say in shorthand? That is right, and if you are wise you will not transcribe your notes so that any one could read them; they are safer in that form. The Von Steinheimer family have two residences, a house in Vienna and an ancient castle in the Tyrol, situated on the heights above Meran, a most picturesque place, I understand, but very shortly you will know more about it than I do, because The Bugle expects you to go there as its special correspondent. Here the diamond robbery took place something like two months ago, and the affair is still as great a mystery as ever. The princess was to open the season at Meran, which is a fashionable resort, by giving a fancy dress ball in Schloss Steinheimer, to which all the Austrian and foreign notables were invited.

"It was just before the ball commenced that the diamonds were first missed. In fact, the princess was about to put them on—she represented some gorgeously decorated character from the 'Arabian Nights'—when the discovery was made that the diamonds were gone. She was naturally very much upset over her loss and sent at once for the prince, her husband, insisting that the police should be notified immediately and detectives called in, as was perfectly natural. Now, here comes a strange feature of the affair, and this is that the prince positively forbade any publicity and refused his sanction when she demanded that the police should be informed, and yet the prince knew as well as anybody the very considerable value of the stones."

"What reason did he give for his refusal?" asked Miss Baxter, looking up from her notes.

"I am not quite certain about that, but I think he said it was infra dig. for the Steinheimers to call in the police. Anyhow, it was an excuse which did not satisfy the princess, but as guests were arriving and it was desirable there should be no commotion to mar the occasion the princess temporarily yielded to the wish of her husband, and nothing was said about the robbery. The great ball was the talk of Meran for several days, and no one suspected the private trouble that was going on underneath the public event. During those several days the princess insisted that the aid of the police should be invoked, and the prince was equally strenuous that nothing should be said about the matter. Then, quite unexpectedly, the prince veered completely round and said he would engage the best detectives in Europe. Strange to say, when he announced this decision to his wife she had veered round also and opposed the calling in of the detectives as strenuously as he had done hitherto."

"What reason did she give for her change of front?" asked Miss Jennie.

"She said, I believe, that it was now too late; that the thieves, whoever they were, had had time to make away with their plunder, and there would merely be a fuss and worry for nothing."

"Do you know, I am inclined to agree with her," said the girl.

"Are you? Then tell me what you think of the case so far as you have got."

"What do you think?"

"I shan't tell you at this stage, because I know of further particulars which I will give you later on. I merely want your opinion now, so that I may see whether what I have to tell you afterward modifies it in any way."

"Well, to me the case looks decidedly dark against the prince."

"That is what Mr. Briggs thinks. He imagines his highness has the jewels."

"Where did you get all these particulars?"

"From Mr. Briggs, who, of course, got them by letter from his daughter."

"Then we have, as it were, a one sided statement."

"Oh, quite so, but still you must remember the princess does not claim the least suspect her husband of the theft."

"Well, please go on. What are the further particulars?"

"The further particulars are that the prince made some quiet investigations among the servants, and he found that there was a man who, although he was a friend of his own, was much more the friend of the princess, and this man had, on the day the ball was given, the entire freedom of the castle. He is a young officer and nobleman, Lieutenant von Schaumberg, and the prince knows that this young man was being hard pressed for some debts of honor which he did not appear to be in a position to liquidate. The young man went unexpectedly to Vienna the day after the ball and on his return settled his obligations. The princess, from one of her women, got word of her husband's suspicion. She went to the prince at once and told him she had come to his own opinion with regard to the lost diamonds. She would under no circumstances have detectives about the place. Then he told her that he had changed his mind and resolved to engage detectives. So here they were at a deadlock again. She wrote to her father with great indignation about the prince's unjust suspicion, saying Von Schaumberg was a gentleman in every sense of the word. I gather that relations between herself and her husband are somewhat strained, so I imagine there is much more in this matter than the lost diamonds."

"You think, then, that she is shielding the lieutenant?"

"Candidly, I do."

"And you think he stole the diamonds?"

"Yes, I do."

"I don't agree with you. I think still it was the prince, and I think, besides this, that he most cordially managed to throw suspicion on the lieutenant. Have they called in the detectives yet?"

"No; they are still at a deadlock."

"Well, what am I expected to do?"

"Mr. Briggs cabled to his daughter—she never writes a letter—that he would come over and straighten out the tangle in 15 minutes. He is certain the prince stole the diamonds, but he did not tell his daughter so. He told her he was bringing her a present of a new typewriting machine and was bringing from Chicago a young woman who could write shorthand and would look after the princess' correspondence and act as secretary, in fact, for it seems the princess has a larger correspondence than she can reasonably attend to, and it seems she yearns for a typewriter. The old man tells me she is very careless about her letters, never being able to find anything she wants and leaving them about a good deal, so he thinks she needs some one to look after her correspondence, and it looks as if her father feared she might leave some compromising letter about, so he wishes to ward off a divorce case."

"No, I think you are wrong there. The father hasn't the slightest suspicion there could be anything wrong with his daughter. It is probable the princess has written some libelous statements about her husband, and it is quite likely the prince is a brute and that young Von Schaumberg is a most charming person."

"Well, as I was saying," continued Hardwick, "the old man cables his daughter that he is bringing her a secretary and a typewriter. He engaged a female Pinkerton detective to enter the castle as secretary to the princess, and, if possible, to solve the mystery. She is a young woman who, when she left Chicago, was very anti English, but she became acquainted on the steamer with a young Englishman who was tremendously taken with her, and so at Liverpool she quite calmly broke her engagement with the old man and fulfilled a new engagement she had made with the young man by promptly marrying him. Old Briggs has therefore a new typewriting machine on his hands, and so I was going to propose to you that you take the place of the Chicago Pinkerton person. Briggs has become so disgusted with all these detective women that he gave up the idea of sending a female detective with the machine and doesn't imagine that whoever is sent will be either a detective or a newspaper woman. I was introduced to him the other day by one of those lucky chances that sometimes put interesting items of news in our way, and he told me the whole story and asked me to recommend some one who wrote shorthand and understood the typewriter. I am to dine with him this evening, and I shall cordially recommend you. I may say that Briggs has gone to that celebrated London detective, Mr. Cadbury Taylor, and has engaged him to solve the diamond mystery. So you see, you will have a clear field. If you can leave for the castle tomorrow night, you may have the pleasure of the company of Mr. Cadbury Taylor. He isn't visiting the castle, but goes straight to Vienna, so, if you work your cards rightly, you can be in his company as far as Munich, and during that time you could find out, perhaps, what he thinks about the case. I know only this much about his theory, and that is that he thinks the right place to begin is in Vienna, where some at least of the stones are supposed to have been pawned."

"Oh, this is a delightful case, and I shall enjoy it. Has there been anything published yet about the robbery?"

"Not a word. Nobody knows anything about it except the prince and princess, Briggs, myself and yourself and perhaps one or two of the servants in the castle, also you and Cadbury Taylor."

Miss Baxter was early at the station before the continental train left. She walked up and down the platform hoping to see Mr. Cadbury Taylor, with whose face and form she was familiar. She saw a young person who spoke French [illegible] and pretended that she knew no English.

"I desire," she said, "to get into a first class compartment with a gentleman whom I shall point out to you. I shall give you a shilling, so you must let me have your whole attention. My luggage has been taken and registered [illegible] [illegible] keep your eye on me and follow me into whatever carriage I enter, bringing with you the handbag and this brown parcel."

The brown package was a typewriter in its case. Shortly before the train left there came out into the station the tall, thin, well known form of the celebrated detective. He had on a light ulster that reached almost to his heels, and his keen, alert face was clearly without [illegible]. As [illegible] upon the platform a short, stout man approached him.

"I was afraid you weren't to be late," said the detective's friend, "but I see you are on time as usual."

"Victoria station," said Mr. Cadbury Taylor, "is not the most inspiring place in London for the spending of a spare half hour, besides, I had some facts to get together which are now complete, and I'm quite ready to go if the train is."

"I have secured a smoking compartment or here, where we shall be alone."

"That's right, Smith," said Cadbury Taylor. "You are always so thoughtful," and the two men entered the compartment together.

Just as the guards were shouting,

"[illegible]," [illegible] [illegible] from their [illegible] [illegible]

"I beg your pardon," said Smith, "this is a smoking compartment."

The lady replied to Smith in French, [illegible] the porter, [illegible] of the typewriter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

"The lady does not speak any English," and the next moment the train moved out of the station.

"There was no need," said the detective, "for my friend Smith to depend upon the porter for the information that the lady could not speak English. She is the secretary to a very wealthy lawyer in Chicago and came from that city to New York, where she [illegible] for Servia about [illegible] to transact some special business, which I could here give you full particulars of if it were worth while. She came from Liverpool to London over the Great Northern railway and is now on her way to Paris. All this, of course, is obvious to the most casual observer, and so, my dear Smith, we may discuss our case with as much security as though we were entirely alone."

"I beg your pardon," said Smith, "this is a smoking compartment."

"Do you expect this Austrian diamond mystery to prove difficult?" asked Smith.

"Difficult? Oh, dear no! To tell the truth, I have solved it already, but in order to give the American a run for his money I am now on my way to Vienna. If I solved the problem offhand for him in London, he would have no more appreciation of my talent than you had a moment ago when I explained why I knew this French girl came from Chicago. My dear fellow, everything in this world is simple except one thing, and that is to find any problem that is difficult."

"Then who stole the diamonds, the lieutenant?"

The detective smiled and gazed upward for a few tantalizing moments at the roof of the carriage.

"If you will have," he said at last, "an impecunious prince who marries an American heiress as so many of them do. The prince begins life in Austria on $1,000,000, say, in money and a case of diamonds said to be worth another $200,000 at least, probably more. Not much danger of running through that very speedily, is there, Smith?"

"No, I should think not."

"So the average man would think," continued the detective. "However, I have long since given up the habit of thinking. [illegible] The first problem I set to myself is this: How much money have the prince and princess spent since they were married? I find that the repairs on the Schloss Steinheimer, situated in the Tyrol, cost something like [illegible]. It is a huge place, and the Steinheimers have not had money to invest in the [illegible] for many centuries. The princess had a good deal of money when she was married, and it took something like [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Next to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fact, just before the alleged robbery. The princess [illegible] [illegible] otherwise she would [illegible] Chicago [illegible] and the princess being without money, what was she naturally to do?"

"Pawn her own diamonds!" cried Smith enthusiastically.

The detective nodded.

"[illegible] she would apply to her father for money. [illegible] this was the case giving him the [illegible] when such a letter [illegible] [illegible] the old man replied that he [illegible] [illegible] you did [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tired. [illegible] fact is [illegible] just now, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] already [illegible] [illegible] to get [illegible] You see, the ball had been announced, and immediately money was [illegible] needed [illegible] she pawned the diamonds [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] therefore, being a quick witted woman, she announced they had been stolen. After having made such a statement, she of course had to stick to it, and now, failing to get the money from America, she is exceedingly anxious that no real detective should be employed to investigation."

At Dover Miss Baxter, having notes of this interesting conversation in shorthand, written so that the detective taking it could [illegible] to London by a later train. After that she saw no more of Mr. Cadbury Taylor

and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Miss Baxter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Baxter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The princess [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the castle with a constant frown upon his brow.

The correspondence of the princess was in the utmost disorder. There were hundreds upon hundreds of letters, many of which she could not tell whether or they had been answered or not, and Miss Baxter set to work tabulating and arranging them. Meanwhile the young newspaper woman kept her eyes open. She wandered about the castle unmolested, poked into odd corners, talked with the servants and, in fact, with every one, but never did she come upon a clew which promised to lead to a solution of the diamond difficulty. Once she penetrated into a turret room and came unexpectedly upon the prince, who was sitting on the window ledge, looking absently out on the broad and smiling valley that lay for miles below the castle. He sprang to his feet and looked so fiercely at the intruder that the girl's heart failed her, and she had not even the presence of mind to turn and run.

"What do you want?" he said to her shortly, for he spoke English perfectly. "You are the young woman from Chicago, I suppose?"

"No," answered Miss Baxter, forgetting for the moment the role she was playing. "I am from London."

"Well, it doesn't matter; you are the young woman who is arranging my wife's correspondence?"

"Yes."

The prince strode rapidly forward and grasped her by the wrist, his brow dark with a forbidding frown. He spoke in a hoarse whisper:

"Listen, my good girl! Do you want to get more money from me than you will get from the princess in ten years' service? Hearken, then, to what I tell you. If there are any letters from—from—then, will you bring them to me?"

Miss Baxter was thoroughly frightened, but she said to the prince sharply:

"If you do not let go of my wrist, I'll scream. How dare you lay your hand on me?"

The prince released her wrist and stepped back.

"Forgive me," he said. "I'm a very miserable man. Forget what I have said."

"How can I forget it?" cried the girl, gathering courage as she saw him quail before her blazing eyes. "What do you want me to do?"

"I want you to bring to me any letters written by—by—"

"Written by Von Schaumberg?" cried the girl, noticing his hesitation and filling in the blank.

A red wave of anger surged up in the prince's face.

"Yes!" he cried. "Bring me a letter to her from Von Schaumberg, and I'll pay you what you ask."

"It is contrary to my duty to the princess," she began hesitatingly, when he stopped and turned fiercely upon her.

"What is contrary to your duty?"

"There are letters, tied very daintily with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] man. The princess did not allow me to read them, but locked them away in a

"If there are any letters from—from—then, will you bring them to me?"

secret drawer in her dressing room, but she is so careless with her keys and about everything else that I am sure I can get them for you, if you want them."

"Yes, yes, I want them," said the prince, "and will pay you handsomely for them."

"Very well," replied Miss Baxter, "you shall have them. If you will wait here ten minutes, I shall return with them."

"But," hesitated the prince, "say nothing to the princess."

"Oh, no! I shall not need to. The keys are sure to be on her dressing table."

Miss Baxter ran down to the room of the princess and had little difficulty in obtaining the keys. She opened the secret drawer into which she had seen the princess place the packet of letters, and, taking them out, she drew another sheet of paper along with them, which she read with widening eyes, then with her pretty lips [illegible] a long, astonished whistle. Taking both the packet of letters and the sheet of paper with her, she ran swiftly up the stairs and along the corridor to the room where the prince was impatiently awaiting her.

"Give them to me," he snapped, rudely snatching the packet from her hands. She still clung to the separate piece of paper and said nothing. The prince went to the window and undid the packet with trembling hands. He examined one and then another of the letters, turning at last toward the girl with renewed anger in his face.

"You are trifling with me, my girl," he said.

"No; I am not," she said sternly.

"These are my own letters, written by me to my wife before we were married."

"Of course they are. What others did you expect? These are the only letters, as far as I have learned, that any man has written to her and the only letters she [illegible] of all the thousands she has ever received. Why, you foolish, blind man, I had not been an [illegible] this castle a day before I saw how matters were. The princess is breaking her poor heart because you are unkind to her, and she cares for nobody on earth but you, great stupid that you are."

"Is this true? Will you swear it's true?" cried the prince, dropping the packet and coming hastily toward the girl. Miss Jennie stood with her back to the wall and, putting her hands behind her, she said:

"No, no; you are not going to touch me. Of course it is true, and it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] child [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] long ago. And she paid the debts of your gambling debts."

"What are you talking about? The princess has never given me a penny of her money. I don't need it. Goodness knows, I have money enough of my own."

"Well, Cadbury Taylor said that you [illegible] I'll warrant you it is like all the rest of his statements, pure moonshine."

"Of whom are you speaking? And why did my wife protect that wretch, whom she knows has stolen her diamonds?"

"You mean Von Schaumberg."

"Yes."

"I believe the princess does think he stole them, and the reason the princess protects him is to prevent you from challenging him, for she fears that he, being a military man, will kill you, although I fancy she would be well rid of you."

"But he took the diamonds—there was nobody else."

"He did nothing of the kind. Read that!"

The prince, bewildered, took the sheet that she handed to him and read it, a wrinkle of bewilderment corrugating his brow.

"I don't understand what this has to do with the case," he said at last. "It seems to be an order on the bank at Vienna for the diamonds, written by the princess herself."

"Of course it is. Well, if the diamonds had been delivered, that paper would now be in the possession of the bank instead of in your hands."

"Perhaps she mislaid this order and wrote another."

"Perhaps. Still it might be worth while finding out."

"Take this, then, to the princess and ask her."

"It is not likely she would remember. The better plan is to telegraph at once to the Vienna bank, asking them to send the diamonds to Meran by special messenger. No one there knows that the diamonds are missing."

"I will do so at once," cried the prince, with more animation in his voice than Miss Baxter had previously noticed. His highness was becoming interested in the case.

After luncheon the princess came to Miss Baxter, who was seated at her desk, and handed her a letter.

"There is an invitation from the Duchess of Chiselhurst for a grand ball she is shortly to give. It is to be a very swell affair, but I don't care enough for such things to go all the way to England to enjoy them. Would you therefore send her grace my regrets?"

"I will do so at once."

At that moment there came a messenger from the prince asking Miss Baxter to meet him in the library. The girl glanced up at the princess. "Have I your permission to go?" she said.

The princess looked at her steadily for a moment, just the faintest suspicion of a frown on her fair brow.

"I do not suppose you need my permission." Her highness spoke with slow deliberation. "My husband condescends to take considerable interest in you. Passing along the corridor this morning, I heard your voices in most animated conversation."

"Had you sufficient interest in our discussion to stop and listen to what we said, Princess von Steinheimer?"

[illegible] lent, and I must ask you to consider your engagement with me at an end."

"Surely you will not dismiss me in that heartless way, princess. I think I am entitled to a month's notice, or is it only a week's?"

"I will pay you a year's salary or two years', if that will content you. I have no wish to deal harshly with you, but I desire you to leave at once," said the princess, who had little sense of humor and thus thought the girl was in earnest when she asked for notice.

Miss Baxter laughed merrily and replied when she was able to control her mirth. "I do hate to leave the castle just when things were becoming interesting. Still I don't suppose I shall need to go away in spite of your dismissal, for the prince this morning offered me ten times the amount of money you are paying."

"Did he?"

"Be assured he did. If you don't believe me, ask him. I told him he was a fool; but, alas, we live in a cynical age, and few men believe all they hear, so I fear my expression of opinion made little impression on him."

"I shall not keep you longer from his highness," said the princess, with freezing dignity.

"Thank you so much. I am just dying to meet him, for I know he has something most interesting to tell me. Don't you think yourself, princess, that a man acts rather like a fool when he is deeply in love?"

To this there was no reply, and the princess left the room. Miss Jennie jumped to her feet and almost ran to the library. She found the prince walking up and down the long room with a telegraph message in his hand.

"You are a most wonderful young woman," he said, "read that."

"I have been told so by more observing men than you, Prince von Steinheimer," said the girl, taking the telegram. It was from the manager of the bank in Vienna, and it ran: "Special messenger leaves with package by the Meran express tonight."

"Just as I thought," said Miss Jennie. "The diamonds never left the bank. I suppose the [illegible] of servants which the princess has round her didn't know what they took away from Vienna and what they left. Then when the diamonds were missing, they completely lost their heads, not that any one in the castle has much wits to spare. I never saw such an incompetent lot."

The prince laughed.

"You think, perhaps, I have not wits enough to see that my wife cares for me. Is that it? Is that why you gave me my own letters?"

"Oh, you are well mated! The princess actually does me the honor of being jealous of me. Think of that! As if it were possible that I should take any interest in you, for I have seen real men in my time."

The prince [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] yourself [illegible] young lady."

"[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Flattering [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"

"The princess [illegible]. What [illegible] you [illegible] saying to her?"

"Oh, I made [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at your cat. You know [illegible] [illegible] such an offer."

"You [illegible] [illegible] little [illegible] maker [illegible] [illegible] prince [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] did you tell her what it was for?"

"No. She did not ask."

"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"

"I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"

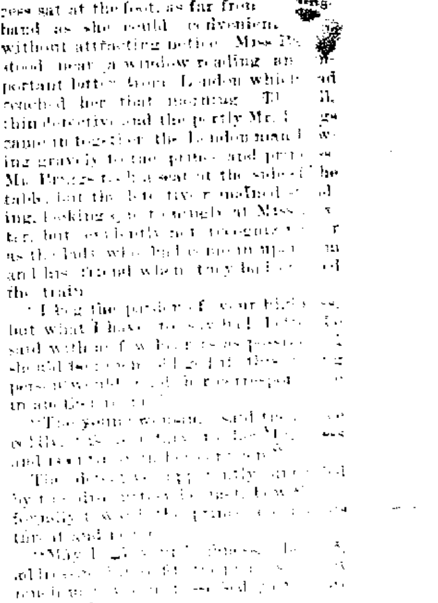
"[illegible] [illegible] speak to the princess about it [illegible] should [illegible] [illegible] Your [illegible] of the diamonds [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] suspected [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Briggs informs me that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Cadbury Taylor. I [illegible] he is [illegible] here tomorrow to explain the diamond mystery, so you see you [illegible] competitor."

"Oh, is Cadbury coming? [illegible] [illegible] for anything. I simply must stay and hear his explanation, for [illegible] is a very famous detective, and the conclusions he has arrived at must be most interesting."

In the morning the diamonds arrived per special messenger, who first took a formal receipt for them and then most obsequiously took his departure. On the same train came Mr. Cadbury Taylor, as modest as ever, but giving some indication in his bearing of the importance of the discovery his wonderful talent had aided him in making. He blandly evaded the curiosity of Mr. Briggs and said it would perhaps be better to reveal the secret in the presence of the prince and princess.

"Just what I suspected," muttered Mr. Briggs, who had long been convinced that the prince had stolen the stones.

The important gathering took place in the library, the prince, with the diamonds in his coat pocket, seated at the head of the long table, while the princess sat at the foot, as far from her husband as she could conveniently get without attracting notice. Miss Baxter stood near a window reading an important letter from London which reached her that morning. The thin detective and the portly Mr. Briggs came in together, the London man bowing gravely to the prince and princess. Mr. Briggs took a seat at the side of the table, but the detective remained standing, looking somewhat at Miss Baxter, but evidently not recognizing her as the lady who had come in upon him and his friend when they had entered the train.



"Enough of this fooling. There are the diamonds!" cried the prince.

"I beg the pardon of your highness, but what I have to say had better be said with as few hearers as possible [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] personal [illegible] [illegible] correspondent in another [illegible]."

"The young woman," said the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The detective [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] formally [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] prince [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

"May I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you left Vienna."

The lady [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Cadbury [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the interruption. He spoke with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

"I am accustomed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with patience [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your highness."

"What I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not telling any story [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] ing instead [illegible] very [illegible] pertinent question."

"[illegible] questions which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] advice to those who [illegible]

"Have you heard the story [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tells the story best."

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THERE has been no increase in the price of tobacco recently But there has been in the workingman's wages.

IF personal comfort is not paramount to duty Congress will remain in session long enough to pass the shipping bill.

WITH Democrats hopelessly split on the shipping bill—some favoring and others opposing it—their party leaders are estopped from making an issue of the shipping question in the coming campaign.

THE Senatorial conference which was to have been held in Bradford on Tuesday evening of this week was postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. W. W. Crittendon, wife of the Potter county candidate.

IDAHO Republicans favor expansion because they believe that the possession of islands in the Atlantic and in the Pacific will help to extend our commerce and they wish all benefits possible to accrue to the people of the Pacific Coast.

THE most forceful argument in the hands of the Democrats this year is "that the Republican Senate will not permit us to destroy the monetary standard and precipitate a panic, and so we ought to be given a chance." The people will not be convinced by an argument of this sort.

THE settlement of the "trust" question is not a political one, but it calls for the concerted action and best judgment of all legislators. Whenever a [illegible] privileges of citizens, it aims neither at Republicans, Democrats nor Populists, but at all alike. Therefore the representatives of all the people should join hands for the protection of all.

THE Democracy is so devoted to free trade that the small temporary duty imposed on imports from Porto Rico is denounced as a national disgrace. Were that party to gain control of the government, it would attempt to establish free trade between the United States and Europe, so that everything we bought with the cheap money it promises us would "be made in Germany, England or any other old place" rather than in the United States.

DON'T forget this fact during the campaign: Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National committee, offered an amendment to the Porto Rican tariff bill to return the duties on sugar imported from that island "to the persons from whom they were collected." The sugar trust had paid $637,551 of these duties and if the amendment of the Democratic Senator had not been opposed by the Republicans, then he would have caused the return of that sum to the trust!

THE Republicans of South Dakota send 1,052 delegates to their State convention. The Potter County News, published at Gettysburg, that state, in its call for the convention says: "The ratio of representation will be two delegates at large from each county and one additional delegate for each forty voters or major fraction thereof cast for Hon. Kirk G. Phillips, Republican candidate for governor, at the election of 1898." Taking the vote for Governor Stone in 1898 this ratio would give the Pennsylvania Republicans a representation in their state convention of 12,608.

A PHILADELPHIA dispatch dated May 11 says: The final chapter of the celebrated Quay conspiracy case took place before Judge Biddle, in quarter sessions court, No. 2, yesterday afternoon, when District Attorney Rothermel formally abandoned the remaining indictments founded by the grand jury against former Senator Matthew Stanley Quay, his son, Richard R. Quay, and Benjamin Haywood, deceased, and had verdicts of not guilty taken on them. As the proceeding was entirely informal none of the interested parties, except Mr Rothermel, were present in court.

IT does not seem probable that Hon. L. Emery, Jr., will accept the endorsement of the Democrats for Congress in the 27th district. Had Mr Emery desired to be the Congressman from this district or been opposed to the candidacy of Hon Joseph C. Sibley, he would have come before the people at the Republican primaries and given his Republican friends a chance to support him in an honest manner. If he had run under such circumstances his Republican admirers would undoubtedly have given him a strong endorsement, but now no true Republican can support him in opposition to the party nominee and the only result will be the loss of friends and political strength.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 14, 1900.

President McKinley hears a great deal of political talk just now from his callers, many of whom he surprises by his intimate knowledge of political conditions in their states. Col. W. T. Durbin, Republican candidate for governor of Indiana, who was one of his late callers, assured the President that the Republican party of that state was in splendid condition and would carry the state by a handsome majority.

Governor Roosevelt's visit to Washington has demonstrated that he is one of the most popular men in public life. This was shown wherever he went, and his popularity is by no means confined to Republicans. When he went to the capitol he was greeted quite as cordially by Democrats as by members of his own party.

Democrats are saying, on the quiet, many harsh things about Senators Butler and Pettigrew, who are charged with responsibility for the nomination of Towne for Vice President by the Sioux City Populist convention. Publicly they are afraid to express opinions about Towne's nomination.

Senator Spooner has, according to the understanding in Washington, secured the honor of presenting President McKinley's name to the Philadelphia convention. He is well fitted to do justice to the subject and to the occasion. Among the prominent men who will make speeches seconding the nomination will be Governor Roosevelt of New York.

Representative O'Grady introduced a delegation from Rochester, N. Y., to President McKinley. They extended an invitation to the President to attend the banquet to be given in honor of Gen. Otis, and he told them he would consider it a privilege to join in honoring Gen. Otis, whose work in the Philippines entitled him to the unstinted praise of the American people, but for the fact that he did not think any person should be present, who, by reason of superior rank, would share the honors intended for Gen. Otis alone.

Senator Lodge made a short speech while the naval appropriation bill was being discussed by the Senate, which is regarded as an official notice to Europe that this government is prepared to fight to maintain the Monroe Doctrine, if necessary, which was supplemented by Senator Daniel, with a few remarks, showing that the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine is the one important question upon which there is no political division in the Senate. Incidentally Mr. Lodge served notice on Germany that no dickering for the possession of the Danish West Indies would be tolerated by this government. It was not a jingo speech, but a plain statement of the situation. Said Mr. Lodge: "My reason for desiring more ships and desiring them quickly is my belief that the safety of the U. S. depends upon the strength of our navy. We do not need the navy for the protection of our insular possessions. The danger lies in our great coast line and in the defense of the Monroe Doctrine in this hemisphere." Of the relation of a stronger navy to the Isthmian Canal, Mr. Lodge said: "We are about to enter upon the construction of an Isthmian canal, and we must be the naval masters of the Carribean Sea. We must have a more powerful fleet than we have to-day. The safety of the canal depends upon the strength of our navy. All admit that the canal ought to be built, and the time is near when the work will be begun. If we are to protect the canal as well as our own coast, we must have a navy proportionately strong. I hope and believe that we shall have no war, but a great fleet is the best insurance of peace However, we would be foolish, indeed, if we should close our eyes to the possibilities of the situation. We could never allow the Danish islands to pass into any other hand than ours. Any European nation which should undertake to take possession of those islands, right on the road to the canal, and to make them a great naval station would by that very act become an enemy of ours. We could submit to no such thing as that." The speech made a sensation in diplomatic circles, and was cabled in full to all of the great European powers.

That shortage in the accounts of C. F. W. Neeley, who has been financial agent of the Cuban postal system, has been greatly exaggerated. The full report of Col. Burton, of the inspector general's department of the army, who discovered the shortage, is in the hands of Secretary Root. It shows a shortage of $36,000 for the current year and implicates nobody but Neeley, who is under arrest and will be speedily tried and punished, if found guilty. That is the whole story, which has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance by the Democratic press for the purpose of trying to make political capital. President McKinley has directed Gen. Wood to make a thorough investigation of all Cuban financial accounts, and there will be no chance for any guilty man to escape exposure and punishment. Mr. A. L. Lawshe, Deputy Auditor for the Post Office Department has been ordered to Cuba to take the place of the auditor of Cuban postal accounts, who has been suspended during the investigation.

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Unable to Work.

Chas. Replogle, of Atwater, O., was unable to work on account of kidney trouble. After using Foley's Kidney Cure four days he was entirely well. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

General Orders No. 13.

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
S. W. COR. FIFTH AND CHESTNUT STS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28, 1900.

"Tenderly beautiful is that great memory" which draws us to our Memorial Day; the day of flags and flowers and music, to be dedicated and given to those comrades of ours who are dreaming in the sleep of death;—the day on which we give all our thought to those glory crowned heroes whose heart beats are stilled forever and forever.

The choicest phrases of prose and poetry; the sweetest language of flowers and the most beautiful symphonies of music have been called on and pulled from for thirty-four years to pay homage to those dead comrades of ours; to give tribute to the memory of the brave boys who shared privations with us in the field, or with us faced dangers on angry ocean's bosom, and who have answered the last roll call; yet, after the lapse of all these years, after more than a third of a century has glided by on the swiftly, silently moving wings of time, our hearts are attuned, by memories of danger and of daring and of suffering by remembrances of the march, the bivouac and the battle; by recollections of wounds, of prison horrors and of death, to sing again the old sweet song of loved and loving comrades, to tell again the old sweet story of affectionate comradeship.

And the dear old flag! The grandest of all national emblems, shall be intertwined with the flowers, the music, the poetry and the eloquence and as we decorate with nature's brightest and most beautiful flowers each little green mound of soldier and of sailor dead, we'll plant there too the starry banner. Let us touch the strings of the harp of memory, as angels sing:

"Sleep, with the sunshine of fame on thy slumbers,
Till waked by some hand less unworthy than mine."

II. In places where there are two or more Posts, arrangements will be made by their committees or officers for a proper division of the work of decorating the graves.

Interest other societies to take part in the loving duties of the day, bring the men, women and children of the community in which the Post is located to participate with you.

III. Memorial Day is the proper and only title applied to May 30th by the Grand Army of the Republic. Decoration day is a misnomer and is used by those who seek to divert the day for races, games and general sporting purposes. Comrades and their friends, newspapers and the people generally are urged to discontinue the use of any term other than Memorial Day for May 30th.

IV. Divine services on the Sunday preceding our Memorial day (in this instance May 27th) is an important feature and all Posts will arrange for memorial and patriotic church services on that date. Churches, pastors and congregations of every denomination will gladly welcome the Grand Army of the Republic and officers and committees of Posts can arrange with the pastors for sermons referring to the results achieved for christianity and humanity through the success of the Union soldiers and sailors.

V. Comrades should visit the schools during the week of May 21st [illegible] the children what Memorial Day means, telling them the story of the war and what it cost in hardships, privations and sufferings to preserve the old flag unsullied and to keep our country undivided. Have the children join with you with flowers and music.

VI. The Commander-in-Chief makes an appeal to Comrades and Posts for contributions for flags with which to decorate the tens of thousands of graves of our comrades who lie "under the dew and the sod" throughout the South. Posts and comrades located in the Southern States are numerically and financially weak. They attend to the sacred duties of Memorial Day, but they need flags for decoration purposes. Contributions for this purpose should be sent to Thomas J. Stewart, Adjutant General, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, who will acknowledge the receipt of all such monies, turn the same over to the Quartermaster General who will purchase and forward the flags. Every Post can afford to make a donation for this purpose and it is hoped that the responses will be liberal and prompt.

By command of Department Commander, JAS. F. MORRISON.

HENRY J. YOHN
Asst. Adjutant General.

School superintendents and teachers are requested to preserve this issue of our paper and to read Grand Army Orders as above on the last school day preceding Memorial Day.

Increased

Facilities on the Nickel Plate Road. Commencing Sunday April 29th, the local Buffalo and Chicago sleeper will again be added to the midnight train (Train No. 1) sleeping car being open at 9 p. m. Another dining car has been purchased to accommodate the increased patronage, serving breakfast and luncheon on this train. For sleeping car berths and all information, call on nearest ticket agent, or address F. J. Moore, Gen'l Agent, Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y., or C. C. Lowry, T. P. A., Holland, N. Y.

In Going West

Don't forget the Nickel Plate Road gives the best service at the lowest rates. This is a distinguishing mark of success. Solid through vestibuled buffet sleeping cars and superb dining cars make the trip between Buffalo, New York, Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland, Ft. Wayne, Chicago and all intermediate points both delightful and enjoyable. Courteous attendants to all coaches respond to the slightest want of passengers.

Reduced Rates to Philadelphia.

On account of the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia, June 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia from all stations on its line at rate of one fare for the round trip (minimum rate 50 cents). Tickets will be sold and good going June 15 to 18, inclusive, and returning to June 26, inclusive.

An Epidemic of Whooping Cough.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—JOHN E. CLIFFORD, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Before you take that trip buy one of the Vive Magazine or Ray cameras. They are pleasant companions and only tell of the pleasant side of your outing when you get home. "Doc" Gleason sells them.

If you want a good roof (shingle, tin or steel) get Mason's prices.

Screen doors of all sizes at Mason's.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF [illegible]

MONDAY, JUNE [illegible]

[illegible]

E. E. Mayo & Son, plaintiff's attorneys.

[illegible]

WILLIAM [illegible], Sheriff.

[illegible]

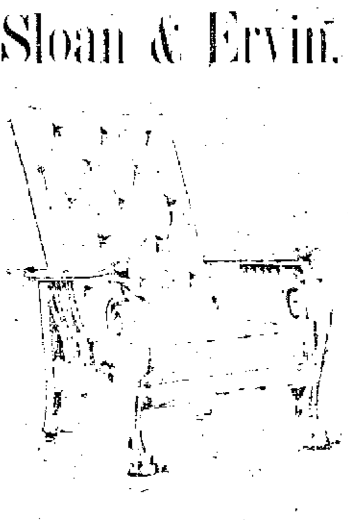
NOTICE [illegible]

DENTISTRY.

Modern, scientific and up-to-date.
Painless extraction of teeth. Over 25 years' experience.
Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE,
Smethport, Pa.

Sloan & Ervin.



The Big Main Street Store.

FURNITURE
CARPETS
MANTLES
TILE WORK

16 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

Why We Are Best For Furniture & Carpets

[illegible] we have the best furniture [illegible] when we say we have the [illegible] best facilities for supplying your [illegible] for price, but we assure [illegible] money. It's in doing all [illegible] every attention, that [illegible] All inquiries by [illegible] prompt attention. The office of the [illegible] block.

DINING ROOM FURNITURE IN GREAT VARIETY.

[illegible] sideboards, combined, $20. [illegible] chairs $2.25 special. Golden [illegible] polish top, special, $[illegible]. Fall [illegible] $8 to $25, sideboards $15 to [illegible] best quality all brass beds [illegible] beds, brass trimmed $4.50. [illegible] $20 and $60. Odd [illegible] tables, chiffoniers, springs, [illegible] parlor furniture is new [illegible] Davenports, [illegible] baby carriages and go carts at [illegible]

OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT IS VERY BUSY.

[illegible] in the city at lowest prices. [illegible] suitable for large rugs [illegible] Remember, we sew, pack [illegible]

Andrews & Conkling,

Agents for White Sewing Machines. A Five Year Guarantee.

Olean's Big Store.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,

The Leading JEWELER

WATCHES
CLOCKS
NOVELTIES
FINE JEWELRY
STERLING GOODS

[illegible]

NOTICE.

Office of
Smethport Water Co.

Smethport, Pa. May 15, 1900.

At a meeting of the Company held this day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved That all patrons of the Company are required to keep the water shut off when not in use and allow no waste, and they are hereby notified that unless this resolution is complied with the water will be shut off from their service.

HENRY HAMLIN,
President.

NEW STORE

NEW CLOTHING.
NEW PIECE GOODS.
NEW EVERYTHING.

EXCEPTING

OLD PRINCIPLE
"VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY."

H. W. RUBIN & CO.

AN UP-TO-DATE CUTTER.
MERCHANT TAILORING A SPECIALTY.

SPRING THINGS.

There is variety here. There are the styles and qualities that we control for this section.

There are the prices that no smaller store can compete with. Our selling price is often as low as most dealers' cost price.

Come once and you'll come always.

50 Styles of Baby Cabs.

We show fifty styles of the most durable cabs that we know of. The mothers of Bradford have tested this make for 15 years and found it honest.

NEW SPRINGS.	NEW PARASOL RODS
NEW BRAKES.	RUBBER-TIRED WHEELS.

Prices from $6.50 up. Many handsome styles.

GO CARTS—Our Go Carts have been made specially for us to meet what we have learned of your wants. One style for babies—one for the little older All grades and prices.

House Cleaning Articles.

Absolutely everything from step-ladders to tacks.

Furniture polish, varnish stains, paints in small cans, sanitary muraline.

Many times as many helps as you know of.

Rubber Paint Lasts.

For seventeen years we have sold this paint in every section around here. It outlasts common paint two or three times over. It looks better from the start, yet we have lead and oil if you prefer them. We have everything that paint stores should have. Rubber Paint, ready-mixed, $1.50 per gallon.

Harness & Horse Goods.

On harness we undersell anyone that we know of. Any harness for any purpose—qualities which you cannot duplicate for near our prices. We sell everything for a horse.

Our China Room.

We have a finer china exhibit than can be found in any other city of this size. All foreign china is imported direct, saving you one-third the usual cost. We are exclusive agents for Haviland. One hundred dinner sets from $6.75 up.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

Emery & Weaver. BRADFORD, PA.

New Goods at Store of D. C. Young.

Just returned from New York where I purchased a fine line of Spring Goods. All the novelties of the season in Dry Goods. Call and examine same

D. C. YOUNG.

SMETHPORT, PA.

GREAT PANTALOON SALE!

Commencing Monday, May 21, and lasting 5 days ending Friday night, we will give a discount of 10 per cent on each and every pair if you ask for it. These are all new, fresh goods just received of Williamsport Pants Co., and are all A No. 1 goods.

We never B-4 had in so large a stock 2 select from. Prices running from 75c to $3.50 pair. [illegible] this sale we will offer U Ladies' New York Trimmed Hats at the same discount. Remember these are trimmed by expert city trimmers. No country girl botch work on these and they [illegible] handled and soiled we have sold this season more hats than all other milliners in this [illegible] The reason is we sell closte for cash. We do not depend upon one or two lines. Our store is a Mammoth Department Store, and many small profits help us out.

We can save you money on all kinds of shoes both work and dress, we buy the best that money will get and our modest little 25 per cent. makes a big difference in selling price.

Remember we have a fresh new supply of groceries. We don't [illegible] you on 'em either. U get a 3 lb. sack Alpine table salt for 5c, other places U get a 4 lb. sack for [illegible]. At the Racket U get granulated sugar a 5 lb. sack best goods at [illegible]. A pound of Lion coffee [illegible]. Dwight's Ol' Time saleratus [illegible] package, U always paid 8 and [illegible]. Arm & Hammer [illegible] saleratus 7c package. Best [illegible] tomatoes [illegible] can, 3 for [illegible]. Early June peas 7c can, 3 [illegible]. Salmon 10-13-16c can [illegible] can baking powder, equal to Royal, fully guaranteed, 10c can. Corn starch 5 and 7c package. 4 lbs. best soda crackers 25c. Best ginger snaps, the kind U pay 10c for, we sell at 5c lb. Mix'd cookies, nu fresh and good, at prices U never B-4 heard ov.

If U need mirrors we have an antique oak frame 12c to 90c, just one half what you pay elsewhere for the same article.

This week we have a new lot of fresh candies from a New York manufacturer. Try 'em. We now have those 4 piece glass table sets for 25c. We have just received $50.00 worth of fresh plug tobacco direct from the factory and this factory does not belong to the combine. We have a glass case and the tobacco is kept fresh and good, free from dust and dirt.

We keep the best brass finished iron beds $6.25 and $7.08. We don't keep those cheap $2.25 beds for we do [illegible] buy such. We [illegible] cotton top mattresses [illegible] We [illegible] couches $[illegible]

Tin, copper and [illegible] goods. We [illegible] files when we sell [illegible] or 16 inch [illegible] 35c. [illegible] Don't forget our [illegible] ing shoes [illegible] soiled [illegible] a large lot of rugs [illegible] 50c to $2.50 each.

Remember [illegible] low for [illegible] cheerfully refund [illegible] any article returned [illegible] dition. Remember [illegible] for cutting prices [illegible] Ol' Man Racket [illegible] for cash [illegible] extra money [illegible] pose is not [illegible] by [illegible]

The Ol' Man Racket haz all he can do 2 run hiz Mammoth Store. No time [illegible] working night and day to give you better bargains. These pants [illegible] on the dollar less than U can get the same goods elsewhere. Remember [illegible] the less he can sell his goods at. We now have new brands of flour from [illegible] City, Pa., 95c to $1.[illegible] each, every sack warranted. We also keep house furniture [illegible]

A. E. STICKLES,

Sprague Block, Smethport, Pa.

BLIND.

What a horrible [illegible] on your experience [illegible] dependent [illegible] yourself [illegible] careless [illegible] weaker [illegible] hopeless [illegible] Come in to-day. We'll examine your eyes and tell you just what you need FREE of charge. [illegible]

Chas. H. Robie,

[illegible]

143 N. Union St. - Olean, N. Y.

Following is a partial list of goods carried by

L. K. HOGARTH & CO.

Opposite Court House.

Cut Glass Ware
Sterling Silver Novelties
Plated Ware
Inks & Mucilage
Wave Crest Ware
Trusses, Rubber Goods
Antiseptic Dressings

Fishing Tackle
Stationery
Blank Books
Leather Goods
Letter Files
Bohemian Ware
Grecian Ware

Patent Medicines
Drugs
Chemicals
Tooth Brushes
Hair Brushes
Toilet Articles
Chamois

[illegible]

Store Open Night and Day.

Spring 1900.

CARPETS

We call your attention to our line of carpets. Our Carpet Dept. is stocked with the latest patterns and designs in Axminster, Tapestry, Ingrains, Hemp & Jute to be found, and prices are 20 per cent under the market.

We call special attention to our line of Jute Carpets.

Also to our line of Smyrna Rugs, which surpass anything ever brought to our city.

A new line of the latest in Muslin Underwear just received.

New goods arriving daily.

A full line of Groceries and Provisions.

Mail orders given our careful attention.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

How's Your Frame

of mind, concerning pictures? You should preserve your present likeness for coming years, if nothing else. The latest and best effects always to be found at "Ike's" studio.

Have You Any Pictures

That need framing? You can find a full assortment of stylish mouldings, &c., of the latest design here. A nice frame beautifies and preserves a picture. Come and look them over.

"IKE" GLEASON. The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

IT IS

a well known fact houses doing a large business with ample capital can afford to hand better assortments and sell closer than smaller concerns. We are doing the business, have the capital and are selling close. If we shou'd not have what you want we will get it at once.

The Big Store,
Hamlin & Redfield.

HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, COOKING UTENSILS, PAINTS, CHINA, GLASSWARE, ETC.
Opposite Postoffice.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1900.

Smethport, Pa.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in northwestern Pennsylvania, only 97 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 130 miles—air line—from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the State.

Cheap fuel-oil in vast quantities.

Within six miles of large bituminous coal beds, and on a direct line of railroad, within 30 miles of the famous Shawmut bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Exhaustless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as cherry, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport, the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,000, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings; a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Backus Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1480 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the state, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Nunundah and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—The opera house question is again being agitated.

—The frame is up for Will Frost's new dwelling on Mill street.

—License court adjourned Tuesday to reconvene on Monday afternoon.

—Green street has been opened from Hill to Pine streets and is now being graded.

—Remember the Athletic club's dance Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 5 and 6.

—Christopher L. Higgins and Miss Jane Coyle were married in Bradford Monday.

—Read change in the advertisement of Hamlin & Redfield at the head of these columns.

—Born, on Monday, May 14, to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Moorehouse of East Main street a daughter.

—New awnings have been placed on the business places of H. W. Rubin & Co. and H. C. Wells.

—A. E. Stickles this week advertises a great pantaloon sale for five days, beginning next Monday.

—Gorton & Richmond have put a new awning over the front window of their elegant office building.

—Work has begun on the foundation for the new lockup on the lot adjoining the hose house on Fulton street.

—Students can find classes at the Clarion State Normal school to suit them no matter when they enter the school.

—W. T. Seger has a change of advertisement this week that will specially interest the male portion of this community.

—County Commissioner Hungiville and Supt. T. H. Ryan took Edward Wedin of East Kane to the Warren asylum Tuesday.

—James J. Jeffries is still the champion pugilist, having put a quietus to James J. Corbett's aspirations by a blow on the jaw in the 23d round of their bout last Friday night.

—N. D. and Samuel Ramer have been appointed sextons of Rose Hill cemetery. Arrangements can be made for taking care of lots by addressing or calling on them or at Specht & Sasse's store.

—A. M. Thumm is putting on a porch and having his Mechanic street residence re-painted.

—Holmes & Gilfillan have a new hardware ad this week. They have a first-class store and stock. It will pay to call on them.

—The county commissioners of Jefferson county have purchased a farm near Brookville and will begin the erection of poor house buildings at once.

—The Tioga county commissioners have appointed two fire detectives, whose duties will be to apprehend persons guilty of starting forest fires.

—Eugene H. Baird, Esq., of Ridgway has been appointed district attorney of Elk county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. J. Wimmer.

—Roy Carter was pushed off a train in Olean the first of the week. He was not seriously injured as first reported and returned home Tuesday evening.

—News reached here last Thursday too late for publication that Ernest Green of Ormsby was burned to death while fighting the forest fires near Ormsby.

—The South Penn Oil Co. has purchased the leases and holdings of the Blossburg Oil Co. in the Gaines field; consideration said to be $500,000.

—Bell Bros., Olean, N. Y., have something interesting to say about silks in another column. Read their advertisement and see what bargains they offer.

—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani departed for her home in Hawaii Tuesday. Because congress refused to grant her a pension the dusky queen vows she will never return.

—Carrie Reilly Clark & Co., have a change in their advertisement this week which is well worth careful perusal. This popular firm have a complete assortment of millinery articles.

—The great humorist and delineator of character, Prof. S. T. Ford will give one of his unique entertainments under the auspices of the Epworth League, Tuesday evening, May 29. Further particulars will be given.

—Mrs. Arnold Southwick is suffering from a severe stroke of paralysis which she received last Monday morning. At last reports she was improving and there is hope of her recovery although she is over 80 years of age.

—The Princess of Wales held a drawing room at Buckingham place, England in behalf of the queen, Monday. Among the Americans presented were Mrs. Frank Newell and Miss Newell of this city.—Bradford Era.

—There will be held at Custer City on Friday afternoon and evening of this week an Epworth League group meeting. Rev. Dr. Walker will deliver a sermon in the evening. Subject: "The Relation of the Church to the League."

—Emporium capitalists have formed a company for the manufacture of high explosives. It is capitalized at $50,000. Three hundred acres of land in Catlin Hollow have been leased and the work of erecting the necessary buildings has commenced.

—The attention of the patrons of the Smethport Water Co. is directed to a notice, which appears elsewhere in this issue, regarding the waste of water. It is the intention of the company to shut the water off from those who permit unnecessary waste.

—On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 5 and 6, the Smethport Athletic club will give a ten-cent dance at their headquarters in the Backus block. First-class music will be furnished and supper served each evening. A good time is guaranteed and all are invited.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending May 15: Delia Brennan, Mrs. Elizabeth Butterfield, John Dent, Joe Fabion, Mrs. Margaret E. Free, More Linhomes, William Owrey, Thomas Saxton, Mrs. Anna Stooks. Foreign: Marino Othrino.

—The Commercial House annex is fast nearing completion and Landlord Provin is correspondingly elated. This improvement makes the Commercial a most convenient and commodious hotel. The builder, A. H. Kidder of this borough, deserves much credit for the excellence of the work.

—Bradford Era: General Manager John McKenna of the B., B. & K., has put carpenters at work rebuilding the B., B. & K. depot at Ormsby. The new structure is located in the centre of the town just north of the Smethport wagon road, and about a quarter of a mile north of the old site.

—The regular services at the Baptist church next Sunday will be at 10:30 a. m. and at 8 p. m. The ordinance of baptism will be administered in the evening. The pastor has been requested to repeat a sermon on the sacrifices, which he will give in the form of a lecture Wednesday evening, 7:45, at the prayer meeting.

—The dedication of the new Baptist church occurred last Tuesday. Rev. Chas. Dodd of Newark, N. Y., preached a fine sermon greatly to the satisfaction of all the hearers. The report of the building committee showed the cost of the house to be $10,669, and a debt remaining of $4,000. The edifice is complete in all of its departments and very beautiful.

—One of the grandest sights to the lovers of happy home life that has come to our notice for some time is Mr. and Mrs. Lush astride their thoroughbred Kentuckian horses, galloping along the streets of Galeton at an easy pace.—Galeton Dispatch. We confess our inability to see anything particularly grand or indicative of a happy home in a woman "astride" a galloping horse.

—The through train from Bradford for Smethport via Kane's railroad has been discontinued and passengers will leave on the 7:45 a. m. train on the B., R. & P., which will make close connections at Newton for the county seat. The time between here and Smethport is reduced five minutes. The return train will leave Smethport at 5:45 p. m., reaching here at 6:45 over the B., R. & P.—Star.

—Olean people are alarmed over the passing of the W. N. Y. & P. railroad into the hands of the Pennsylvania system, fearing that it may mean the removal of the big car shops so long a source of much revenue to the business men of the city to some other point. It would be a body blow to Olean to lose the shops and her citizens will not only make a good fight to retain the present shops which employ some 250 men but to induce the Pennsylvania company to greatly enlarge the plant.—Bolivar Breeze.

—Rev. J. H. McCandless went to Pittsburg on Monday to attend the annual diocesan convention, which began its sessions in that city on Wednesday morning. A diocesan conference was held on the preceding evening at Trinity parish house. On Wednesday evening there was a missionary conference under the auspices of the Pittsburg branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Delegates from the late general missionary conference in New York spoke, whose work was in Africa and among the Mohammedans in Palestine. A reception was given by Bishop and Mrs. Whitehead. Mr. McCandless will return to-morrow.

—An attempt was made to pull off a cocking main at Rock City, Thursday evening between Olean and Port Allegany birds. Deputy Sheriff Booth of Allegany put in an appearance and the meeting of sports broke up in a hurry. No one was arrested but several Olean men walked several miles to catch a car for home.—Olean Ledger. They should have tried the Liberty township fair grounds.

—Contractors Grattan and Jennings with a large force of men began tearing down the celebrated Kinzua bridge Monday. The new bridge will be of the same pattern as the present one but much stronger. It will take four months to tear down the old bridge and build the new one. In the meantime, all Erie trains on the Bradford division will be run over the B., R. & P. railroad from Howards, south.

—Next Sunday the Epworth League of the Smethport Methodist Episcopal church will celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the organization of the Epworth League. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Walker, will preach at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "Zeal for the Church." In the evening at 8 o'clock Mrs. L. E. Larrabee of Coudersport, president of the Olean District League, will deliver an address. An interesting program will be provided.

—Neil C. MacEwen, Esq., has disposed of his law practice to his brother, B. Johnston MacEwen, and will retire temporarily at least from active practice. The reason assigned is the pressing need of attention to other business and the desire to get out of office work which has proved too severe a tax upon Mr. MacEwen's health. The inducement, too, offered by the younger brother is said to have been a factor in the deal.—Kane Leader.

—Children in the woods these springtime days should be careful what they eat. Near Hazelton, a few days ago Margaret and James Dougherty, aged 6 and 8 years respectively, ate what they thought were huckleberry blossoms, which they found in the woods. Both were taken violently ill shortly afterwards. Margaret died in great agony, and her brother is not expected to recover. It is supposed the children ate laurel blossoms, which are poisonous.—Kane Republican.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday (Sunday before the Ascension) there will be services at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services and Sunday school at All Saints', East Smethport, at 2:30 p. m. The lessons for Rogation Sunday will be "The Laws of Prayer" and "Elijah's Translation." On Ascension Day, Thursday, May 24th, there will be choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a. m., and evensong at 7:30. On the Rogation days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding Holy Thursday, there will be services at 9 a. m.

Obituaries.

W. W. BURLINGAME.

Died at his home in East Olean, N. Y., at 9:15 o'clock Monday evening, Wilbur W. Burlingame, aged 33 years, 11 months and 10 days.

Mr. Burlingame was taken ill about two weeks ago with pleurisy and seemed in a fair way of recovery when other complications developed, resulting in his demise at the time above stated.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Burlingame of Hamlin township and was born at Kasson on June 4, 1866. When quite young he moved with his parents to this borough where the greater part of his life was spent, and where he always enjoyed the respect and esteem of the whole community.

About four years ago Mr. Burlingame removed to East Olean, where he filled an important and lucrative position and where he resided until called from this life of care. He leaves a father and mother, wife and child, brother and sister to mourn the loss of a dutiful son, an indulgent husband and father and an affectionate brother. The stricken ones have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

The funeral was held from the M. E. church at 2:30 p. m. yesterday, Rev. Harvey officiating. The remains were laid at rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

MRS. CARL TANNER.

Mrs. Carl Tanner died at her home in Keating township, after an illness of about two weeks of a complication of diseases on Monday evening, May 14 last, aged 23 years, 2 months and 8 days.

Mrs. Tanner, nee Miss Alice O'Brien, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, was born in Smethport and resided with her parents until about a year ago when she was united in marriage to Carl Tanner. She was a young woman of sweet and lovable manners and her kind and cheerful disposition endeared her to all of her acquaintances.

She is survived by her husband, father and mother, one sister, two brothers and a large circle of relatives and friends who deeply mourn her untimely death.

The funeral services were held at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, Rev. Father Cosgrove officiating, and was largely attended. The remains were laid at rest in St. Elizabeth's cemetery. Many beautiful floral pieces were presented by friends.

Nickel Plate Road Excursions.

Chicago, $14.50 round trip from Buffalo, going May 1st, 2nd, 7th, 14th and 21st, and returning until June 1st.

Cincinnati, $10.75 round trip from Buffalo, going May 7th and 8th, and returning until May 12th; also going May 21st and 22nd, returning until May 28th.

For any additional information desired call on nearest ticket agent, or address F. J. Moore, Gen'l. Agent, Nickel Plate Road, 291 Main St., Buffalo, or C. C. Lowry, T. P. A., Holland, N. Y.

You Want One.

One of the Vive Magazine or Ray cameras. They are the best made in the world to-day. R. C. Gleason, the photographer sells them.

Daly & Lilgendahl have opened a carriage store on Mechanic street. If you contemplate purchasing a vehicle of any kind see their stock and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. 18-tf.

LOST—Wednesday, May 9, gold initial pin, letter "M," between school house and the south end of Mechanic street. Finder please return same to this office.

Those in need of a trunk will do well to call on Chas. Lemmler before purchasing elsewhere. He has a new line and the prices are right. He always keeps the best.

L. K. Hogarth & Co., have started their fountain and opened their ice cream parlor, with side entrance. Ice cream by the dish or in quantity.

Hamlin & Redfield have a new line of refrigerators and ice cream freezers. Inquire at their big store for H. E.

Poultry netting, barbed wire, rubberoid roofing, tar roofing, Toka roof coating at HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

Mason's hardware is headquarters for screen doors. All sizes, the best and the cheapest.

Lawn mowers, garden rakes, hoes, forks and shovels at HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

Window screens, the best and cheapest at Mason's hardware.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. C. Rooney visited Bradford Monday.

C. S. King was over from Port Allegany Monday.

C. R. Gallup was down from Mt. Jewett Monday.

John Rooney, Jr., was down from Kushequa over Sunday.

J. W. McCarty of Pittsburg is spending a few days in town.

L. Scanlon of Colegrove was a Smethport visitor Wednesday.

J. L. Mullin, Esq., of Kane was a court attendant this week.

N. M. Orr, Esq., of Kane was a license court attendant this week.

Supt. John Bahan of Colegrove had business in town yesterday.

W. J. Milliken, Esq., of Bradford was in town the first of the week.

Editor Milward of the Kane Leader was a Smethport visitor Tuesday.

Landlord J. J. Sillies of Clermont was a welcome caller at this office Monday.

Rev. Harvey and E. M. Shattuck of Olean were pleasant callers this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cunningham have returned from a visit with Marienville friends.

F. H. Nourse left Tuesday morning for Kentucky on a horse purchasing expedition.

Postmaster L. Rogers of Kane was among the callers at the MINER office Tuesday.

Ex-County Commissioner F. W. Sumar of Port Allegany was in town the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Foster Studholme of Olean visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holder of Green street, this week.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett was looking after the interests of his clients at license court the forepart of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Seger and Miss King and W. S. Palmier drove over to Port Allegany last evening to see Gorton's minstrels.

Mrs. A. W. Colegrove was called to Corry Saturday by the illness of her mother. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. L. Scanlon, of Colegrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Halliwell and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Anderson went over to Smethport this morning, where they attended the dedicatory exercises of the new Baptist church.—Kane Republican, Tuesday.

Cycle Side-Path.

Ground was broken last Monday for the trunk line cycle path to be built between Bradford, Smethport and Kane. Starting at a point below the dug-road at the eastern borough line and working toward Bradford possibly a mile will be constructed which will be carefully looked over by the cycle path commissioners at their next meeting, which will be held in Smethport the latter part of this month, when further arrangements will be adopted for more path building at another point on this trunk line. This path will average from four to five feet in width.

Chas. Pratt of East Smethport has been employed to construct this portion of the path and the commissioners congratulate themselves on being so fortunate as to secure the services of so competent a man for this work. All interested parties speak highly of the appointment.

Dr. F. C. Pierce of this borough was sent as a delegate to Williamsport, where the state cycle path commissioners held their first convention, May 15, in the interest of cycle path work throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

History Repeating Herself.

Mt. Jewett News.

Tuesday, May 8, was a day of general conflagration in McKean county, the losses will run away up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and is a day that will be remembered for a generation. Few of the people now think of the burning of Rixford on the 8th day of May, 1880, burning out in two hours the homes of 1,300 people. The origin of the fire was the same as the one on last Tuesday—forest fires.

Three days later, May 11th, 1880, occurred the Oil Valley fire, above Duke Centre, where every house and rig for four miles and a strip two miles in width was consumed.

Two days later, May 13, 1880, Rew City was entirely wiped off the map not a single building being left standing.

On the 8th day of May, 1880, at Coleville, the mill and residence, lumber and all personal effects of James Doyle was consumed leaving him with only a [illegible] car. The origin of these fires were the same.

Money When You Want It.

How Your Savings Will Become an Earning Factor for You.

It is not difficult to make money, but 'tis to save it properly. The Pittsburg Bank for Savings, No. 210 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., offers assistance in the form of absolute security to all depositors, and the opportunity of the deposits earning 4 per cent. interest, compounded twice a year, which gives you money when you want it in addition to your savings. You can secure these advantages by mail as well as in person. Write or call for booklet describing how to bank by mail in this bank with over 17,000 depositors and over $7,000,000 on deposit.

Reduced Rates to Wilkesbarre.

For Parade Day (May 22) of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania Forty-Seventh Annual Conclave, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 22 to 23, the Pennsylvania railroad will sell round-trip tickets from all stations in Pennsylvania to Wilkesbarre and return May 21 and 22, limited to return until May 23 inclusive, at rate of one limited first-class fare for the round trip (minimum of twenty-five cents). Tickets will not be good for passage on New York and Chicago Limited Express, and are good for continuous passage only in each direction.

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is demoniac enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief, which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa., cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health.
5-tf LAWRENCE BAYER, Clermont, Pa.

Valuable Property For Sale.

Houses and lots centrally located in Smethport, terms moderate. Also store in the Reilly block for rent after May 22.
17-tf A. REILLY.

Nine chances in ten it's your kidneys that need attention if you don't feel well. Foley's Kidney Cure makes healthy kidneys and will make you well. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Our Hammar Paint is absolutely guaranteed for five years. Can you get this with lead and oil? HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

Full line of Sherwin & Williams' mixed paints at Mason's.

Go to Chas. Lemmler for trunks. He has a new line just in.

Mason's fishing tackle stock is complete.

Correspondence.

COLEGROVE.

[illegible] evening [illegible]

[illegible]

George W[illegible] was calling on friends in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. [illegible] were in town Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph [illegible] of Smethport were in town Sunday.

Mrs. D. Helmer [illegible] Allegany is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] M[illegible] friends [illegible]

W. F. Wilson of [illegible] Monday.

J. L. [illegible] in Bradford Tuesday.

S. H. [illegible] in Bradford Tuesday.

[illegible]

[illegible]

ANNIN CREEK.

Ralph Cooper was down from Mina a couple of days last week. His cousin, Miss Mattie [illegible], accompanied him to his home.

Charley Clark [illegible] Station, Miss [illegible] the family and [illegible] week.

[illegible] day [illegible] per day for bark peelers.

Mr. Coleman of [illegible] in town the first of the week.

Mrs. John Cooper and [illegible] visiting relatives in Larose, N. Y.

J. S. Hodges and wife have been visiting in Olean and Portville.

Dr. [illegible] was down from Port Allegany Monday.

[illegible] made [illegible] trip to Duke Center Monday.

School Report.

Following is the report of Smethport schools for the month ending May 11, 1900.

Those marked * were tardy.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Whole number in attendance—34.
Per cent. of attendance [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Elizabeth Albertson
Eden Babson
Mabel Brons
Gladys Brame
Esther Engstrom
Edie Hagberg
Eva Holder
Alice Irons
Vera Johnson
Ruth McCammon
Hattie Miller
Mary Stodart
Oscar Anderson
Walter Apple
Paul Apple
Howard Brownell
*Eddie Baker
William Colegrove
John Eagan
Edwin Kohn
Fred Miller
George Pickersgill

Visitors—Mrs. Specht, Mrs. Forsythe, Miss Alice Foster.

Mary I. Dibble, Teacher.

FIRST AND SECOND GRADES.

Whole number in attendance—34.
Per cent. of attendance [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Ella Gallup
Esther Gibson
Ethel Brook
Laura Craven
Aletha Pickersgill
Frank Bartlett*
Chester Clark
Edward Sugar
Edwin Engstrom
Fred Engstrom
Roy Lyman
Harry Colegrove
Henry Hatch

Visitors—Mrs. Forsythe, Mrs. [illegible] Gifford, Alice Foster.

Rose [illegible], Teacher.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES.

Whole number in attendance—[illegible]
Per cent. of attendance [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Harry DeRue
Alan Eckels
Belle Gavin
Alan Hatch*
Russell Lindsay*
Daniel Moran
John Moran
LeRoy Moorhouse
Frederick Specht
Ross McCammon
Eddie Bates
Mildred Hoster
Mildred Gibson*
Bessie Kingston*
Mildred Owens*

Visitors—Mrs. J. N. Forsythe, Alice Foster.

Delia Hatton, Teacher.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES.

Whole number in attendance—51.
Per cent. of attendance—girls 92, boys 97.
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Bessie Hall
Bessie Gibson
Ruth Holmes
Martha Eckels
Dewey Evans
Jennie Ryan
Grace Heilman
Mildred Griggs
Sidney Burdick
Louis Dickinson
MacArthur Gorton

Visitors—Mrs. J. N. Forsythe, Mrs. Warley Gifford, Mae Heath.

Florence M. Pierpont, Teacher.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES.

Whole number in attendance—[illegible]
Per cent. of attendance [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Fred Boyer
Kenneth Mayo*
Harry Sasse
Myron Gallup
Harold Bennet*
Lloyd Downey
Alberta Sturdevant
Grace Mason
Jennie Holder
Eva Gifford
Margaret Boyer*
Hazel Green
[illegible] Green
Essie Sherer
Myra Sturdevant*
Eva Gulleman
Annie Berger*
Crystal VanWormer*

Visitor—Mrs. Jane Forsythe.

Stella M. Tate, Teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Whole number in attendance—45.
Per cent of attendance [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Marcus Jackson
[illegible] Green
[illegible] Campbell
Abram Davis
Paul Goode
Eugene Dufley
[illegible]
Amanda Anderson
Cora Boyer
Edna Church
Beatrice Gifford
Bertha Jackson
[illegible] Colegrove
Ida Kinton
Rachel Rolfe
Clara Campbell
[illegible] Mayo*
Marie Conley
Pearl Green
Mabel Camp
Annis Sartwell
[illegible] Bennett*
Ella Ruff

Visitors—Mrs. [illegible] McKean, Mrs. Emma Gifford.

W. P. Eckels, Principal.
Alice J. Bickers, Ass't.

If troubled with rheumatism give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frost bites, quinsy, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price 25 and 50 cts. L. K. Hogarth & Co., druggists.

CARPENTERS' TOOLS. We intend to make a specialty of high grade carpenters' tools. Come and see us.
HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

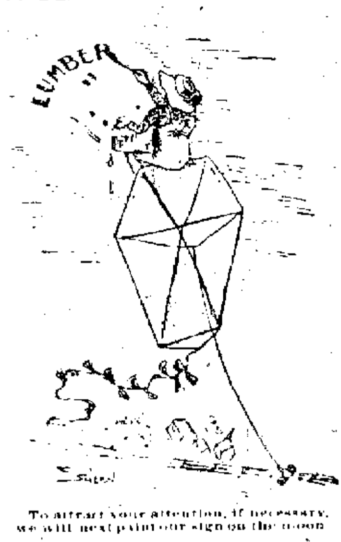
Hamlin & Redfield have a new line of refrigerators and ice cream freezers. Inquire at their big store for H. E.

Dar Brasted is prepared to furnish his customers with all kinds of garden truck. Everything in this line fresh and green.

Do you know what Rubberoid Roofing is? PERFECTION. HOLMES & GILFILLAN have it.

All widths of poultry netting at lowest prices at Mason's Hardware.

Well! Well! Well!



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We have a complete stock of all kinds of first class BUILDING MATERIAL and will save you some money.

A. Miller & Son
18 KENNEDY STREET, BRADFORD, PA.

Memorial Day.

Following [illegible] McKean Post No. 347, G. A. R., [illegible] May 30.

[illegible]

Route: Main to Mechanic [illegible] Cemetery [illegible] Court House.

[illegible]

Cemetery—[illegible]

Court House—[illegible] Rev. F. D. Ware [illegible] Music [illegible] Benediction.

[illegible]

President of the day [illegible] Aides [illegible] Dr. H. L. M[illegible] Charles McK[illegible] Redfield [illegible] W. O. Hamlin, Scott Lewis [illegible]

COMMITTEES.

Executive—T. A. M[illegible], R. F. Wright [illegible] Cunningham.
Reception—P. W. Brown [illegible] Young, W. F. Specht.
Music—[illegible], Dr. H. L. M[illegible]
Flowers—[illegible]
Decorations—[illegible] Hamlin, W. H. Clarke.
Cemeteries—Rose Hill [illegible] Griggsby, W. H. [illegible] Bush Hill, M. O'Gorsky [illegible] grove, W. H. Bell, Jr. [illegible]
Farmers Valley, [illegible]
Fisher, A. S. [illegible]
Sartwell, W. H. [illegible]
Kasson, E. E. R[illegible] J. M. Roberson.

Attention G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS McKEAN POST No. 347, DEPT. OF PENN'A., G. A. R.
Smethport, Pa., May [illegible], 1900.

Order No. 1.

1st. In compliance with general orders No. 13, Department of Penn'a, Grand Army of the Republic, the comrades of this Post will assemble at Post room on Sunday, May 27th, at [illegible], to attend Memorial Sunday services at the new Baptist church, at [illegible], the Rev. D. Ware, [illegible]. The comrades [illegible] appear in full uniform.

2nd. For the regular Memorial Day services the comrades of this Post will assemble in their post rooms on Wednesday, May 30th, 1900, at the time designated by the committee of Memorial Day services, and proceed to carry out the program as adopted by that committee.

All societies and organizations in Smethport and vicinity, as well as the public schools, are cordially invited to participate in the observance of the day.

J. K. M[illegible], Commander.
[illegible], Adjutant.

Phenomenal [illegible] follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

FOR SPRING

Nearly everybody wants something new and pretty to wear at Spring time. We have just received a new stock of Beautiful Neckwear, Gloves, Shirts and Hats. We also call attention to our magnificent stock of

Spring Clothing

for Men, Boys and Children. We can safely say that there has never been, in this city, such a stock of Overcoats, Suits and Pantaloons as we show this season, and at such very low prices. No matter what your shape is we can fit you.

IKE SIMONS,

46 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

YENOOR

Union Made. Quality not Quantity.

A mild, pleasant Cigar, yet a satisfying smoke. Ask for a Yenoor Match Scratcher to paste in your hat free at Yenoor agencies.
H. C. Wells, Smethport.
E. V. Sherwood, East Smethport.
Dr. Borr, Hazelhurst.
Stahl & Co., Mt. Jewett.
Kane Drug Co., Kane.

Bell Brothers,

Olean, N. Y.

SILKS SILKS SILKS

It is not our purpose or much of advertising to call good values **BARGAINS** but when we offer the people of Olean and vicinity desirable silks at less than what they are costing to buy in the market to-day then we say with emphasis

THEY ARE BARGAINS.

And that is just what we will do on Thursday morning. A large importer offered us the balance on hand of a number of lines of summer silks at greatly reduced prices. They include Foulards, Chinas, Ki-Kis, and fancy Taffetas. We bought the entire lot and rather than put them in stock at regular prices we are going to give our customers the benefit of our superior buying facilities.

If we guess right they won't last long so be on hand promptly at **10 o'clock** Thursday morning.

Sign Posts

FOR 62 1-2c 275 yards Foulard silks that jobbed for 87 1-2c and retailed at $1.00. 315 yards Ki-Ki (wash) silks 24 inches wide, fifteen colorings, at 49c. 150 yards figured black satins at 49c, that are good values at 75c. This silk sale will continue during the balance of the week.

THE COTTON GOODS crisply new, pretty and remarkably CHEAP.

BELL BROTHERS,

The Leading Dry Goods, Carpet & Furniture House of Southwestern New York.

J. COLEGROVE.

106 East Main Street.

Look at our new Belt without buckle or eyelet holes in leather. A brand new article and great seller.

New Line of Pulley Belts.
New Summer Line of Shoes.

Summer underwear for ladies, misses, boys and men.

Mercerized silk a new silk yard wide 49c yd, in desirable shades. Summer outside skirts and under skirts.

Eagle tomatoes are a fancy pack and good as any tomato ever packed. We are selling for limited time at 10c can. Try them.

T. S. flour still our leader and good as ever. Try a sack. Malt Breakfast Food has the best sale now. Try a package.

Ask for coffee measure filled with Chase & Sanborn Mocha and Java coffee. Free to each customer.

J. COLEGROVE.

Beautiful Creations
Artistic Effects

All that's new and lovely in seasonable millinery can be found at our well known establishment. Our hats are not back number "machine trimmed" goods, but every one a perfect product of the milliner's art. Our skilled milliners are strictly conversant with the very latest ideas, and you will be entirely satisfied, as you have learned by experience, with our goods. Call and see our elegant assortment.

Carrie Reilly Clark & Co.
REILLY BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

FRY & HERZOG

CASH STORE.
DRY GOODS, CARPETS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

CORSETS

That cannot break at the waist

"Cresco"

In the Cresco Corsets we have secured the exclusive sale for our city of an article of great merit. By a smoothly adjusted disconnection at the front waist line THE CRESCO CANNOT BREAK. Other corsets are weak at the sides and break with vexing regularity. Cresco cures this evil. You've read about them in the magazines of course. Let us show them to you. Every pair fully guaranteed.

Shirt Waists **Ladies' Underwear**
Belts **Gents' Underwear**
Chamois Gloves

FRY & HERZOG,
New Clark Block, Smethport, Pa.

IF YOU WANT

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CALL ON

Shillenn & Torrence,

The Leading Tailors,
Chadwick Block. Smethport.

The Sultry Summer Days are at hand. Do they find you prepared to resist their melting influence? At my store you will find the proper clothing for warm weather. Buy now while the lines are complete.

Summer
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W. T. Seger, Central Block.

PALACE PHARMACY.
BURG CHADWICK, M. D., PROP.
RETAILER & JOBBER OF
DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES,
TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.
SMETHPORT, PA.

BEEF,
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WINE.

NEW HARDWARE STORE

Holmes & Gilfillan

Open up their new store with a complete stock of general hardware. Prices that will convince you we are on the ground floor. Our goods are all marked in plain figures.

LAWN MOWERS, FORKS, RAKES, SHOVELS, HOES, CARPENTER & PAINTER'S TOOLS, COPENHAGEN WARE. Something new in Smethport.

Largest stock of paints in town. Hammar Paint can be had only of us—guaranteed for five years. We will open our store

SATURDAY, MAY 19.

A useful present for each visitor. Ladies especially invited.

Holmes & Gilfillan,
Smethport, Pa.

THE CALAMITY CAME.

ZEB'S WIFE KNEW THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN.

The Possum Hunter Tells How He Came to Have a Lively Bear For a Bedfellow and the Result It Had on Certain Opinions of His.

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"One mawnin at the breakfast table," said the old possum hunter as I asked him for a yarn, "me an the old woman got into a jaw 'bout coons. I held to it that all coons orter hev bin bobtailed, an she contended that the Lawd made 'em as he wanted 'em an did a good job. We wasn't mad at fust, but the mo' we talked the meaner we felt, an bimeby we got downright ugly. It was Sunday mawnin, an we was goin off to preachin that day, but when I got my mad up I said:

"'As long as I'm fur bobtailed coons an the Lawd didn't make 'em that way it ain't no use fur me to hear preachin. I'll stay home, an yo' kin go alone.'

"I reckoned that would cool her off a bit, but it didn't. She chawed away at her bacon fur awhile an then said:

"'Zeb White, thar's bound to be a calamity around this cabin. Can't nobody find fault the way yo' do without suthin happenin. I'm goin right along to preachin, an if yo' want to fly in the face of Providence yo' must take the consequences.'

"'I'm contendin fur bobtailed coons,' said I. 'If all coons was bobtailed, they'd look a heap purtier an git along a heap better.'

"'But how kin they be when it's all fixed?'

"'Dunno, but I'm contendin.'

"'Then yo' keep on contendin an see how yo'll come out. Thar's bobtailed varmints in the mountings, an mebbe yo'll git 'nuff of them befo' yo' git through agin Providence.'

"If she'd coaxed me a bit, I'd hev gone with her," explained Zeb, "but

SHE DUMPED HIM OUT.

she'd said all she meant to. When she got ready she started off through the woods an never even looked at me. My rifle was out of order, an my old dawg had run away, an so I couldn't go strollin through the woods. I sot down on the doahstep an smoked a pipe or two, an as it was a warm day I begun to feel sleepy. I went over an tumbled on to the bed, an it wasn't five minits befo' I was sound asleep. The doah was left wide open, an 'bout the last thing I heard befo' I drapped off was the old mewl brayin in the stable. I'd bin asleep an hour when suthin crowded me over ag'in the wall, an I woke up. I opened my eyes to find a big b'ar on the bed with me. He'd found the doah open an walked in, an, seein me asleep, he sot out to hev some fun. He didn't see me open my eyes, an I took keer to shet 'em ag'in arter one look. Befo' the Lawd, but I was skeered! I felt the cold chills creepin up an down my back, an the sweat busted out on me as if I was choppin at a big tree.

~~"I had found fault with the Lawd~~ fur not makin bobtailed coons," continued the old man as he refilled his pipe, "an a bobtailed b'ar had bin sent in revenge. It wasn't no use to think of jumpin up or fightin him. He had all the advantage, an if I made him mad he'd finish me up in a minit. My game was to play possum on him, but I hope I shall never hev sich another two hours while I live. That b'ar wanted a good time. He was feelin good natured, an he jest tried all sorts of circus tricks with me. He'd roll me over ag'in the wall with a bang, an then arter a chuckle he'd roll me back with a flop. He didn't bite at all, but every time he put his claws on to me they went through the cloth. I believe that varmint turned me over 50 times befo' he got a little tired of it. I was playin dead all the time an didn't know what minit he'd git mad an set out to finish me. He finally got thirsty an jumped off the bed an went to the water pail on the bench an lapped away fur ten minits. I had my eyes open all the time an was anxious to git away, but I was afeared of him. I couldn't fight him barehanded an stand any show.

"I jest laid thar till the varmint had quenched his thirst an looked around, an then he come back ag'in. The circus was only half over. He was so rough at times that I almost yelled out with the pain, an between the clawin an the skeer I wasn't much better than a dead man. The mewl smelt of b'ar an kept up a tremendous brayin, an the old woman heard the noise when she was yit a mile away. Bimeby, when the varmint had had a show with the price of admission, he settled down fur a rest. I was then lyin with my face to the wall, an he planted all four feet ag'in my back an kept up a sort of purrin. He had me crowded ag'in the cabin logs till I could hardly breathe, an I had made up my mind that I'd never tree another coon when the old woman got back from preachin. The old mewl was kickin an brayin, an she seen the tracks of the b'ar leadin into the cabin. She stood in the doah an got sight of the varmint on the bed, an she did a thing which no man on these yere Cumberland mountings would hev attempted. Thar was no gun at hand to shoot with, an her only show was to take that b'ar by surprise. That's what she did. She tiptoed up to the bed an fastened her fingers in his fur, an, though he was a hefty load, she carried him to the doah an dumped him out. I never knowed she was home till she pulled the b'ar away. As I riz up the astonished varmint was makin fur the woods, while the old woman hadn't even turned pale.

"'Was—was—it a b'ar?' I asked as she took off her sunbonnet an began to clatter the stove.

"'Of co'se,' she keerlessly replied.

"'An what did yo' do with him?'

"'Jest dumped him outdoahs. 'Pears to me yo've bin hevin heaps of fun. Most of yo'r clothes hev bin clawed off, the bedquilts chawed to rags, an yo' ar' blood from head to heel. Mebbe yo' was learnin that b'ar a lot of tricks?'

"I tried to git out of bed to hug her an praise her spunk," explained Zeb to me, "but I was so weak that I fell down. She never let on to mind me, an I had to help myself up. Bimeby I got over to a cheer an dropped into it an asked:

"'Did yo' find the preachin, an was it good?'

"'Powerful good,' she answered, 'but it wasn't 'bout coons or b'ars. Anything wantin of me befo' I puts the kittle on?'

"'I'm wantin yo' to help me doctor up 'bout fo' hundred scratches, an I'm also wantin to be forgiven fur my remarks 'bout coons.'

"'How is it, Zeb?' she said as she turned on me. 'When the Lawd dun put a long tail on a coon, was it fur the likes of pore human critters to kick about it?'

"'Reckon not—not skassly.'

"'An how 'bout b'ars? Mebbe yo' find fault bekase the Lawd made 'em bobtailed?'

"'I haven't a word to say ag'in it.'

"'Jest goin to let the long tails an the bobtails ramble around as the Lawd made 'em to ramble?'

"'That's it.'

"'An goin to hear preachin when thar is preachin at the skulehouse?'

"'Fur suah.'

"'Then I'll warm up some coon's fat an grease yo'r hurts, an yo' jest let this be a powerful warnin to yo' not to find any mo' fault with the Lawd's way of doin things. It was fur him to put long tails on coons an foxes an bobtails on b'ars an wildcats, an yo' jest keep yo'r gab still 'bout it an reckon to consider that it was all fur the best.'"

M. QUAD.

NAPOLEON AT ST. HELENA.

His Views on the Precautions Taken to Prevent His Escape.

One of the extracts from Dr. O'Meara's St. Helena diary in The Century records Napoleon's views on the precautions taken to prevent his escape.

He spoke anew about escaping and said that if he was inclined to try it, which he was not, there were 95 chances in 100 against his effecting it. "But," said he, "this jailer every week imposes new and vexatious restrictions upon me, just as if I was in a place where I had nothing to do but to step into a boat and be away. When I was at Elba, it was different. It is true that while one lives there is a chance of escape. Although ironed and chained down, inclosed in a cell of stone and every human precaution taken against a possibility of it, still there is a chance of escape, and the only way to prevent it is to put me to death.

"This is the only sure way. Let him put me to death, and all uneasiness on the part of the European powers, Lord Castlereagh himself and his government will cease. No more expense then; no more squadrons to watch me or poor soldiers, fatigued to death with pickets and guards or harassed with carrying burdens up those precipices. I am sure those poor devils have reason to hate me and wish my death. They must, however, be conscious that the fatiguing duties imposed upon them are unnecessary and vexatious, as the sight of the island must convince every one but a suspicious cogllone that escape from it was nearly impossible unless, as I have said before, that while there is life there is a chance, if attempted.

"Where could I go to, allowing that I got out of the island? Every place I could arrive at I would find enemies to seize me. This governor's conduct will soon be known in England and will not procure him any credit there. Those officers all will write an account of the unnecessary rigor with which I am treated and their opinion of it. The newspapers will be full of it."

A STORY OF DAN RICE.

The Great Clown Did Not Forget the Tent Man's Bill.

One story of Dan Rice, the veteran circus clown, illustrates his strict sense of honesty and gratitude for favors. Once he was stranded in Cincinnati, the story goes, and was unable to start a show on the road because he had no tent and could not raise money to buy one. The tent Rice needed would be worth $2,500. The manager of a tent concern sent for the clown one morning and, taking him to his factory, showed a big tent that was just finished. Rice looked at it with hungry eyes. He turned away with a sigh.

"Fine tent; don't you think?" asked the canvas maker.

Rice looked back at it over his shoulder, with another deep sigh.

"It's yours," said the tent man.

Rice was like a playful kitten in an instant.

"I believe there is a lot of money in you yet," said the canvas man. "You take that tent and start your show, and if you ever get money enough to pay me for it the price is $2,500."

Within two weeks Rice was on the road with a show and began a successful career. For 15 years he never referred to the tent, although he often met the man who made it. One afternoon he asked the tent man to be his guest at one of his shows, then in Cincinnati. The two sat looking on, and Rice remarked:

"Fine show, don't you think?"

The canvas man declared that it certainly was.

"By the way," added Rice, "here's that $2,500 I owe you." He took a roll of bills out of his pocket and handed it to the tentmaker, who pocketed it without unrolling it. The old tent man loved to relate this story and always declared that the great men of this country were P. T. Barnum, John Robinson and Dan Rice.—New York Mail and Express.

Fixed For Her Photo.

Many a refusal to sit for a picture has been given because of a knowledge of advancing years and failing beauty. It remains for the Devonshire folk, however, to give a new point on "making up" for a sitting. S. Baring Gould's "Book of the West" supplies the incident.

The looks of Devonshire and Cornish lassies are proverbial. A complexion of peaches and cream, a well proportioned body and well molded features are the characteristics. West country women, as they are called, cannot forget they were once comely.

A woman of 75 years was brought forward to be photographed by an amateur. No words of address could induce her to speak until the operation was completed. Then she put her fingers into her mouth.

She said: "You wouldn't ha' me took wi' my cheeks falled in? I just stuffed The Western Mornin News into my mouth to fill 'n out."

Battery Place.

Battery place is the traditional spot where, on May 6, 1626, the Indian owners of Manhattan bartered it to the Dutch for baubles worth 60 guilders.

As early as 1693, there being a war with the French, "a platform upon the outmost point of rocks under the fort" was designated as a suitable place for a battery, and the council was called upon by Governor Fletcher to furnish "86 cords of stockades, 12 feet in length, for the purpose of building same."

In 1735 a really imposing battery, with a no less imposing title, "The George Augustus Royal battery," was erected by Governor Cosby, and "The Battery" has remained on our city map ever since, associated though it has been with the pleasures of peace to a much greater extent than with the art or the practice of warfare.—New York Sun.

Squelching an Encore Fiend.

The long, solemn gentleman with the piercing eyes tapped gently on the shoulder of the encore fiend in front of him.

"Allow me to present you," said he, handing the applauder a small paper package.

"What does this mean?" asked the recipient wrathfully as he opened the package and found about $2 in dimes and nickels.

"It means this," replied the solemn gentleman: "I have noticed your earnest efforts to have everything twice. Therefore I have taken up this small collection in order that you may come tomorrow instead of trying to get your two performances in one evening."—Indianapolis Press.

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Jennie Baxter, Journalist.

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vant may be to a trained mind—"

"Tush! Trained donkeys! Do you know where the diamonds are?"

"Yes, I do," answered Cafferty Taylor, still imperturbable, in spite of the provocation he was receiving.

"Well, where are they?"

"They are in the vaults of your bank in Vienna."

"I don't believe it. Who stole them, then?"

"They were put there by her highness the Princess von Steinheimer, doubtless in security for money."

"What?" roared the prince, springing to his feet, his stentorian voice ringing to the ceiling. "Do you mean to insinuate, you villain, that my wife stole her own diamonds?"

"If your highness would allow me to proceed in my own way—"

"Enough of this fooling! There are the diamonds!" cried the prince, jerking the box from his pocket and flinging it on the table.

"There!" shouted old man Briggs, bringing his clinched fist down on the oak. "What did I tell you? I knew it all along. The prince stole the diamonds and in his excitement yanks them out of his pocket and proves it. I said so from the first."

"Oh, father, father!" moaned the princess, speaking for the first time. "How can you say such a thing? My husband couldn't do a mean action if he tried. The idea of his stealing the diamonds! Not if they were worth a thousand millions and detection impossible."

"Come, come," cried Miss Jennie Baxter, stepping energetically forward. "I imagine everybody has had enough of this. Clear out, Mr. Briggs, and take Mr. Taylor with you. I am sure he has not had any breakfast yet, and he certainly looks hungry. If you like detectives, Mr. Briggs, you must take care of them. Out you go. The dining room is ever so much more inviting just now than the library, and if you don't see what you want ring for it."

She drove the two speechless men out before her and, closing the door, said to the prince, who was still standing bewildered at having his hand forced in this manner:

"There! Two fools from four leaves two. Now, my dears, I'm not trying to [illegible] you are simply two [illegible] drifting apart [illegible] that's why I'm here [illegible]. Now, [illegible] that the prince has never said anything to me that did not show his deep love for you, and if you had overheard us you would not need me to tell you so. He thinks Schaumburg—not that I ever saw the poor man, but he is bound to be an idiot or the prince wouldn't be jealous of him. As nobody had stolen the diamonds after all this fuss, so no one has stolen the affection of either of you from the other. I can see by the way you look at each other that I won't need to apologize for leaving you alone together while I run up stairs to pack."

"Oh, but you are not going to leave us!" cried the princess.

"I should be delighted to stay, but there is no rest for the wicked, and I must get back to London."

With that the girl ran to her room and there reread the letter she had received. It ran:

DEAR MISS BAXTER—We are in a very considerable dilemma here, so I write to ask you to return to London without delay, coming back to the Tyrol later on to finish the investigation of the diamond mystery. The Duchess of Chiselhurst is to give a great ball on the 26th. It is to be a very swagger affair, with notables from every part of Europe, and they seem determined that no one connected with a newspaper shall be admitted. We have set at work every influence to obtain an invitation for a reporter, but without success. [illegible] account will be sent to the press. Now, I want you to set your ingenuity at work and gain admission if possible, for I am determined to have an account of this ball written in such a way that every one who reads it will know that the writer was present. If you can manage this, I can hardly tell you how grateful the proprietor and myself will be. Yours very truly,

RADSON HARDWICK.

Miss Jennie Baxter sat for some moments musing, with the letter in her hand. Suddenly her eyes lit up, and she sprang to her feet.

"What a fortunate thing it is," she cried aloud, "that I did not send on the refusal of the princess to the Duchess of Chiselhurst! I had forgotten all about it till this moment."

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The Trekking Wagon.

The South African wagon is a long, heavy cart mounted on four high wheels, as a rule, with a sort of canvas tent over the back half, leaving the front clear to carry the miscellaneous furniture of its owner, drawn by 16, 18 or 20 oxen, curiously fierce looking with their immense spread of horn, sometimes as much as eight feet from tip to tip and rarely less than six, but in reality as patient and hardworking beasts as one could wish to find.

Their mode of progression is certainly slow, but there are a strangeness and a fascination about it which may draw men to it almost as the Alps draw their devotees. In front there marches the "voor looper," generally a small boy, leading the two foremost oxen by a rein or rope passed through their nostrils.

The driver walks alongside with the long and terrible whip he uses so sparingly or else sits on the front of the wagon and gets off occasionally to lash up the whole team with unbiased impartiality. The traveling is all done at night, starting a little before sunset and marching till perhaps 11 or 12 o'clock; then there is a halt till a little before the first signs of dawn, when they go on again till the sun begins to get hot overhead, and then they lie by for the day.

An Explanation.

"John," said the funny man's wife sternly, "did you write this horrid mother in law joke in The Weekly Stinker?"

"Yes, my dear," replied John feebly.

"Well, I think you are just too mean for anything. Hasn't mother always treated you like her own son?"

"Yes, love, I know she has, but—"

"Don't try to excuse yourself. If I had ever supposed you capable of such baseness, I never would have married you. I don't see how you will dare to look her in the face when she comes here next week."

"You don't understand," said John desperately. "She told me that joke herself, and it will tickle her to death to see it in print."—San Francisco Examiner.

Couldn't Help Saying It.

"Dearest," asked the confiding girl, after her usual manner, "am I really your first and only love?"

"No, darling," said the young drug clerk, "but you are something just as good."—Indianapolis Journal.

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A FEMININE FAILING.

Difficulty Many of the Sex Have In Telling Right From Left.

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Saved the Bank's Money.

"Whenever I buy anything," once said Russell Sage in telling the story, "I make it a rule to talk with the salesman. I am a member of a great many different boards of directors in a great many lines of investment, and I often find this information of great service. Some time ago I went into a large clothing store to buy a suit of clothes at a low price that I had seen advertised. I bought the clothes for $11, I think, and in talking with the clerk I found the lot had been sent to the store from a big manufacturing concern to be sold on commission. I got them for less than cost. Now, I have kept a general store and understand that business, and there [illegible] sort of thing.

"A few weeks afterward this manufacturing concern applied to one of the banks I am connected with for a large loan. Their credit was apparently all right, but on the strength of what I had learned I held up that loan, and a short time later the concern failed."—Saturday Evening Post.

Passed It Along.

First Yankee—They say Deacon Hardskin was buncoed down to New York the other day.

Second Yankee—Yes; some sharper sold him a gold brick.

First Yankee—[illegible]

Second Yankee—Sorter.

First Yankee—Say, what did the deacon do with the brick?

Second Yankee—Oh, he sold it to a fellow from Canada on his way home.—Boston Courier.

Different Points of View.

Mr. Growells—What? You want a new bonnet? Why, I think the one you have is very becoming.

Mrs. Growells—Yes, and so do the neighbors. They think it's becoming very ancient and decrepit.—Chicago News.

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10:15 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

1:30 P. M.—Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kinzua Junction and Bradford; connecting with B. R. & P. for Buffalo and Rochester, arriving at Buffalo at 5:35 p. m. and Rochester at 6:30 p. m.—and Mt. Jewett and Kane; connecting at Kane with P. & E. R. R. for Sheffield, Tiona, Warren, Corry, Union City and Erie.

5:15 P. M.—Mail and Express daily for Ormsby Junction, Mount Jewett and Kane, connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and daily except Sunday for Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kinzua Junction and Bradford; connecting at Bradford with train to Erie R. R. for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

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AR. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	L'V WESTW'D		
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Ar. Dp.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
8.20	7.18	2.10	Ulysses	7.32	2.30	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.10	1.59	Crowell	7.41	2.32	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.56	Carpenter	[illegible]	2.41	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.05	1.53	Perkins	7.45	2.44	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.02	1.50	N'wf'd Ju'c'n	[illegible]	2.46	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.45	Newfield	7.51	2.50	[illegible]
[illegible]	6.54	1.41	Gold	7.55	2.54	[illegible]
[illegible]	6.49	1.40	Raymond	7.59	2.58	[illegible]
7.00	6.39	1.24	Seven Bridges	8.11	3.11	[illegible]
[illegible]	6.36	1.21	Colesburg	8.14	3.14	[illegible]
[illegible]	6.29	1.14	Frink's	[illegible]	3.22	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.05	Nor. C'port	[illegible]	3.31	[illegible]
6.30	6.15	1.00	Dp. Ar.	8.36	3.36	[illegible]
P.M.	P.M.		Coudersport			P.M.
4.30	7.40	12.53	Ar. Dp.	8.41	6.00	1.20
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.48	Hammonds	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.31	12.44	Olmsted	8.46	6.06	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.30	12.40	Mina	8.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.31	Knowlton	[illegible]	6.18	[illegible]
3.40	[illegible]	12.30	Roulette	9.00	[illegible]	1.45
[illegible]	7.13	12.22	Burtville	9.08	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.15	Coleman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Chemical Works	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.15	7.02	12.10	Port Allegany	9.15	[illegible]	[illegible]
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

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